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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

Note: An error was found in the Oakland data for one carrier for 40ft high-cube containers; no other locations, container types or carrier responses were impacted. The Oakland data was updated in this report on June 9, 2014.

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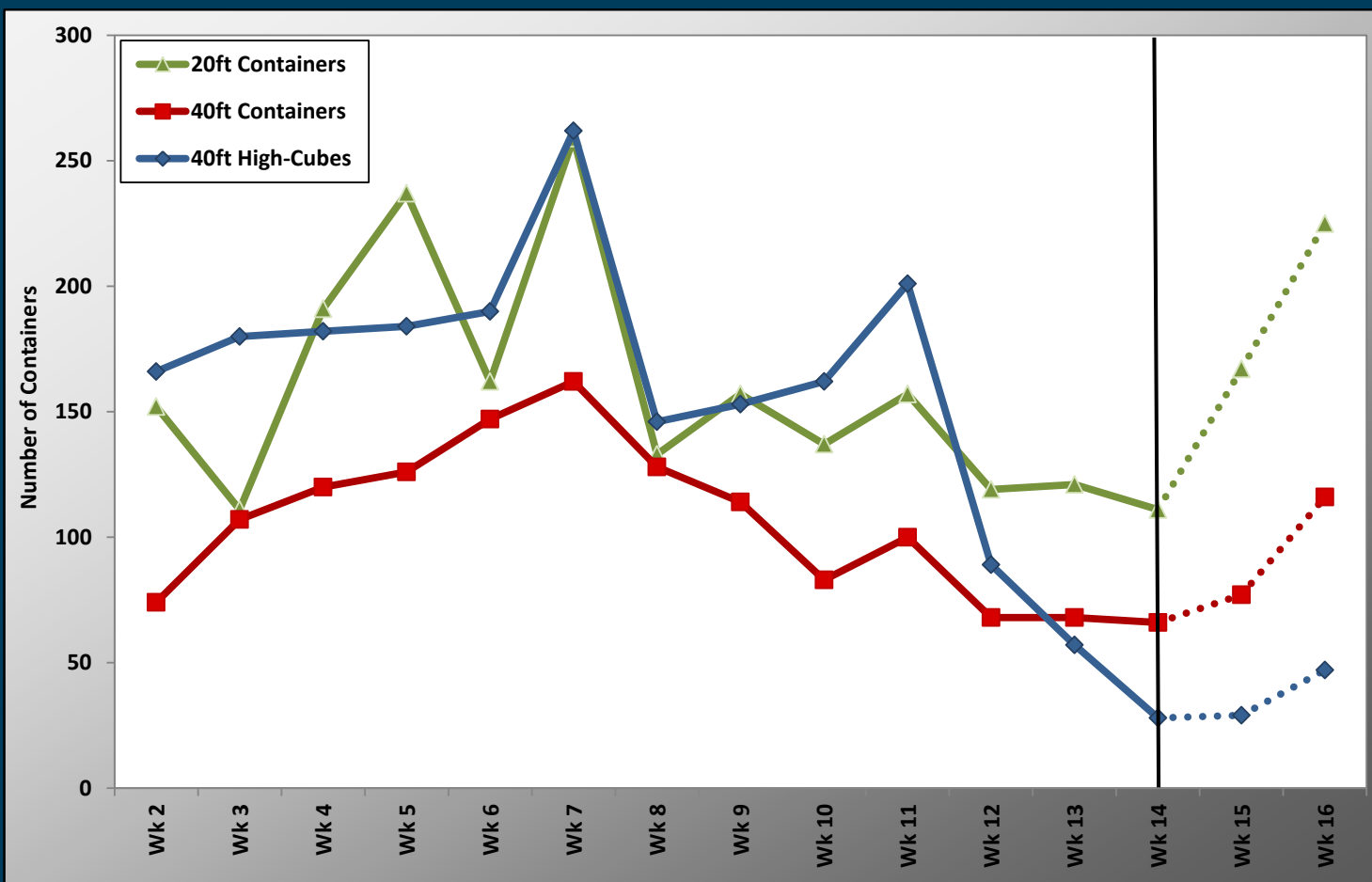
Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

Historical Analysis of Cincinnati

Between April and June of 2013, Cincinnati moved more than 5,700 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. Soybeans and animal feed made up more than 52 percent of the containerized agricultural products moved through the region. Grocery items and edible nuts comprised about 8 percent each followed by hides and skins at 6 percent. In terms of tonnage, agricultural exports used 20ft containers to move approximately 56 percent of these agricultural exports; however, in terms of twenty-foot equivalent units, exporters used 20ft containers for 39 percent of agricultural exports. This shows that exporters take full advantage of the relatively strong availability of 20ft containers in Cincinnati and fill them full with traditionally heavy agricultural products such as grains and hides.¹

Each of the dry container types in the Cincinnati market have followed a similar pattern since the beginning of the year. Estimates on average trended upward through the end of February, and then began to decrease, with the exception of a spike in mid-March. Availability estimates for 20ft dry containers and 40ft high-cube containers have averaged about the same since the beginning of the year—157 20ft containers and 154 40ft high-cube containers—however, 40ft high-cube containers have averaged 105 units and have fallen in each of the past 3 weeks. Over the next 2 weeks, carriers are projecting an increase in the availability each of the dry containers types.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Cincinnati, 2nd week of January (Wk 2) through 1st week of April (Wk 14), 2014 with Projections



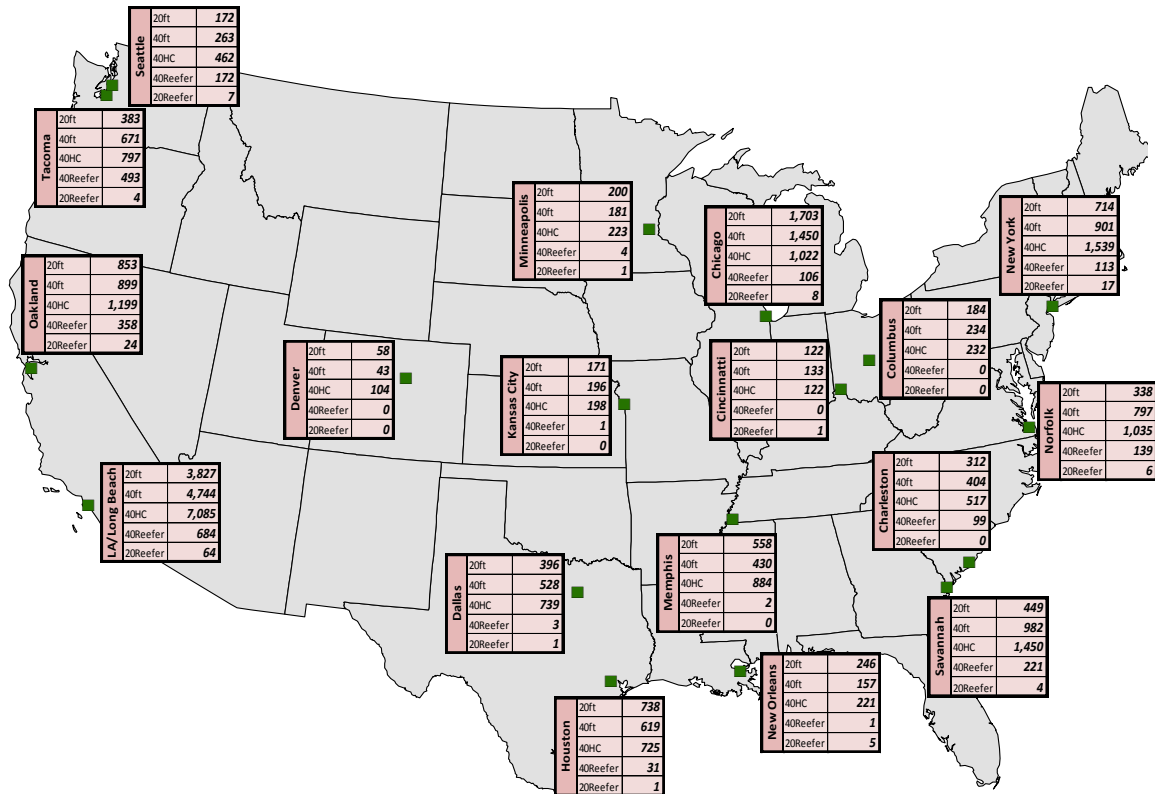
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .

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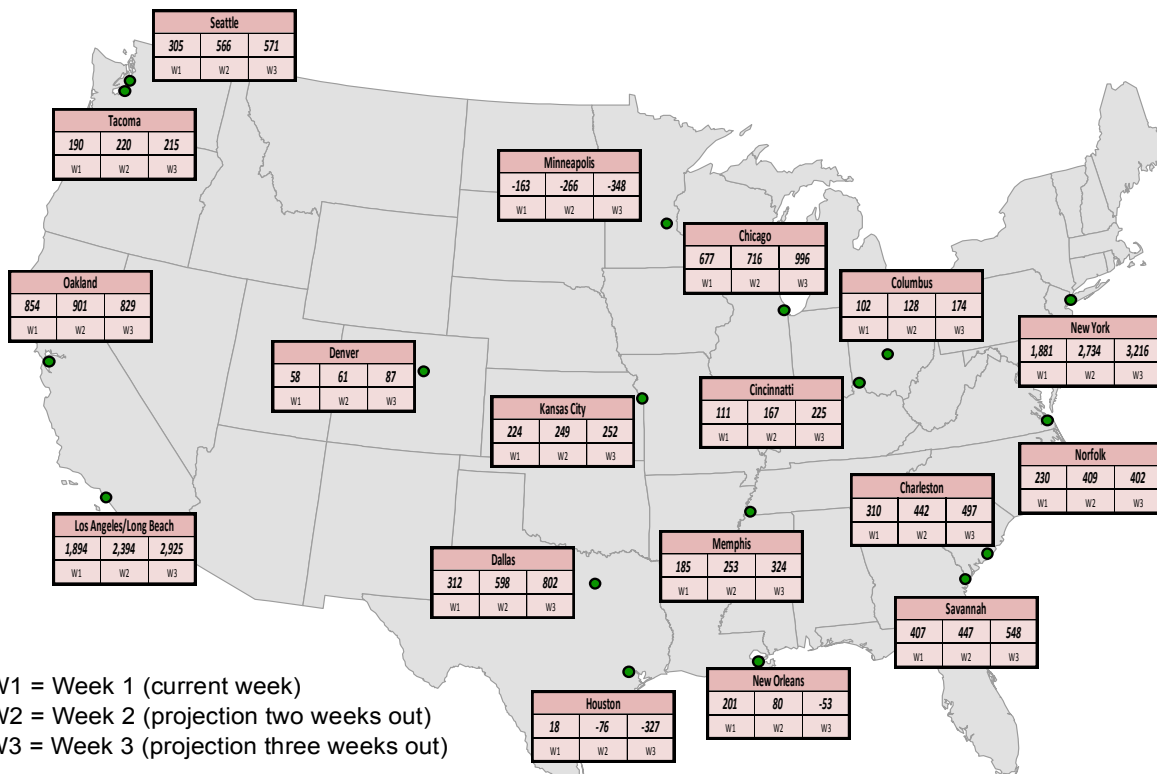
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



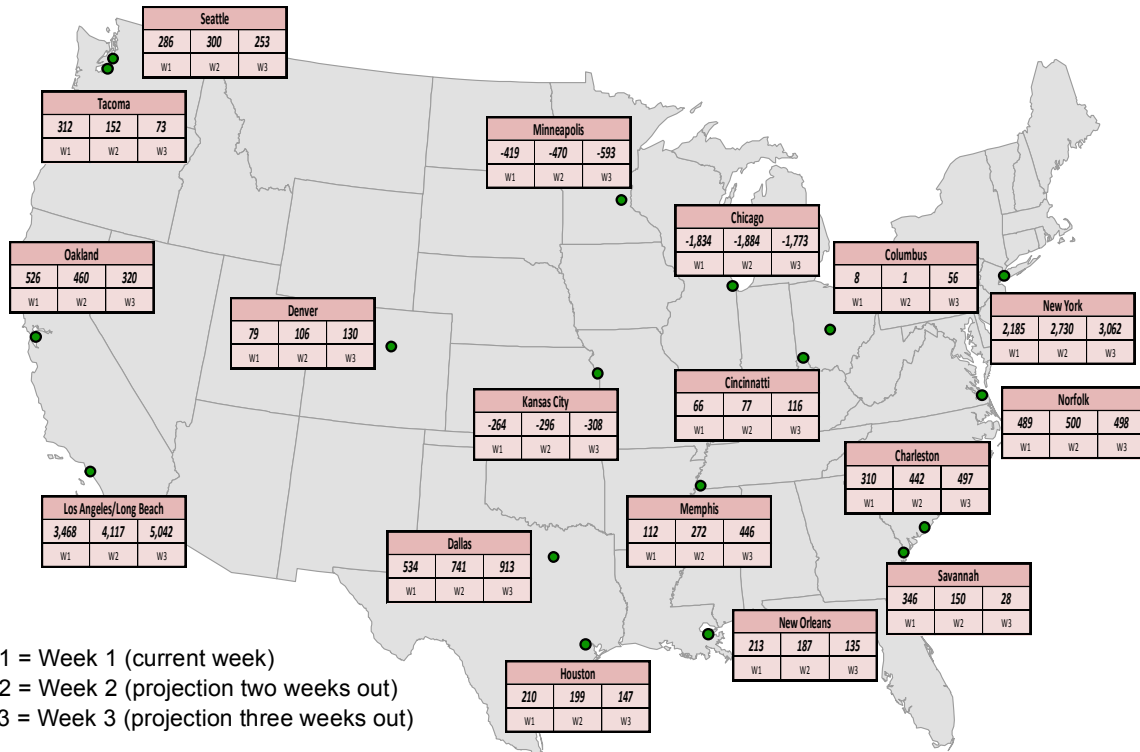
W1 = Week 1 (current week)

W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)

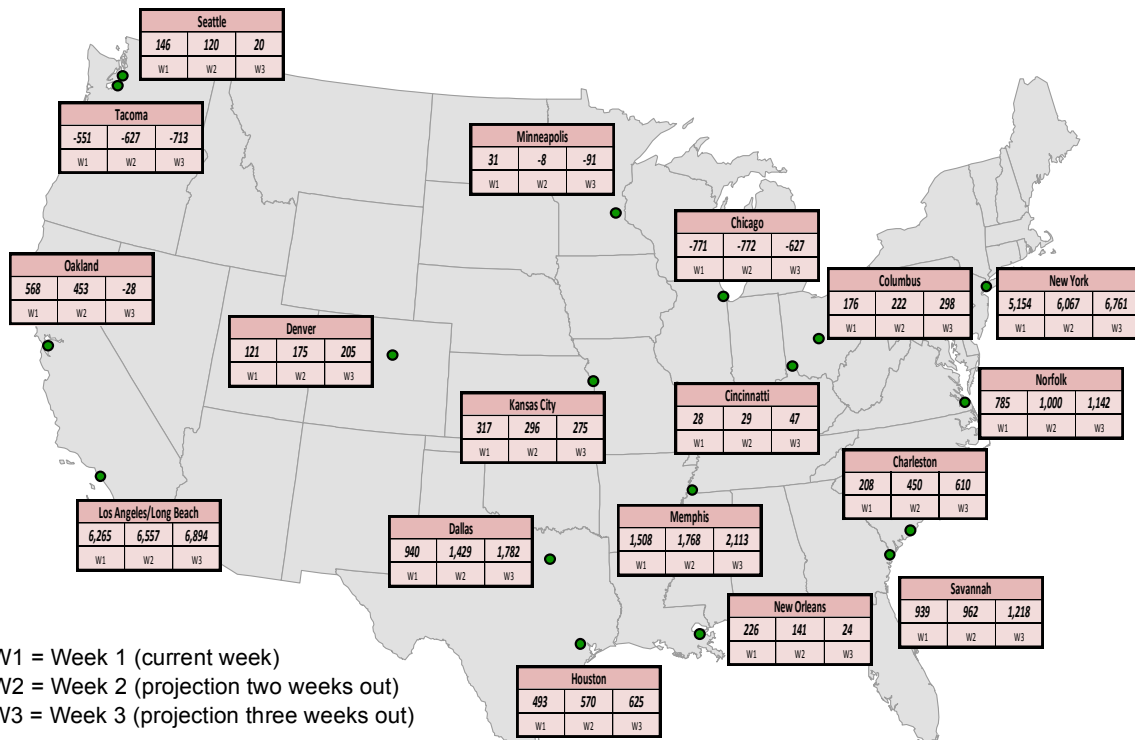
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

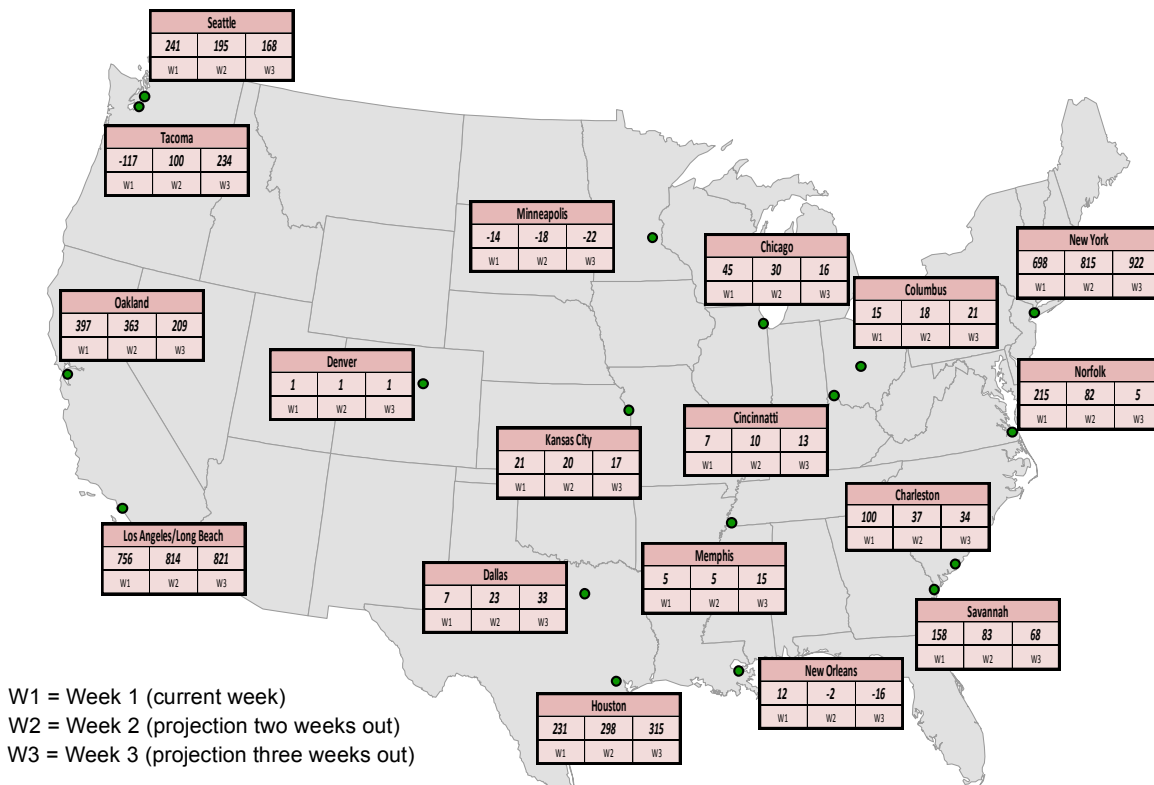


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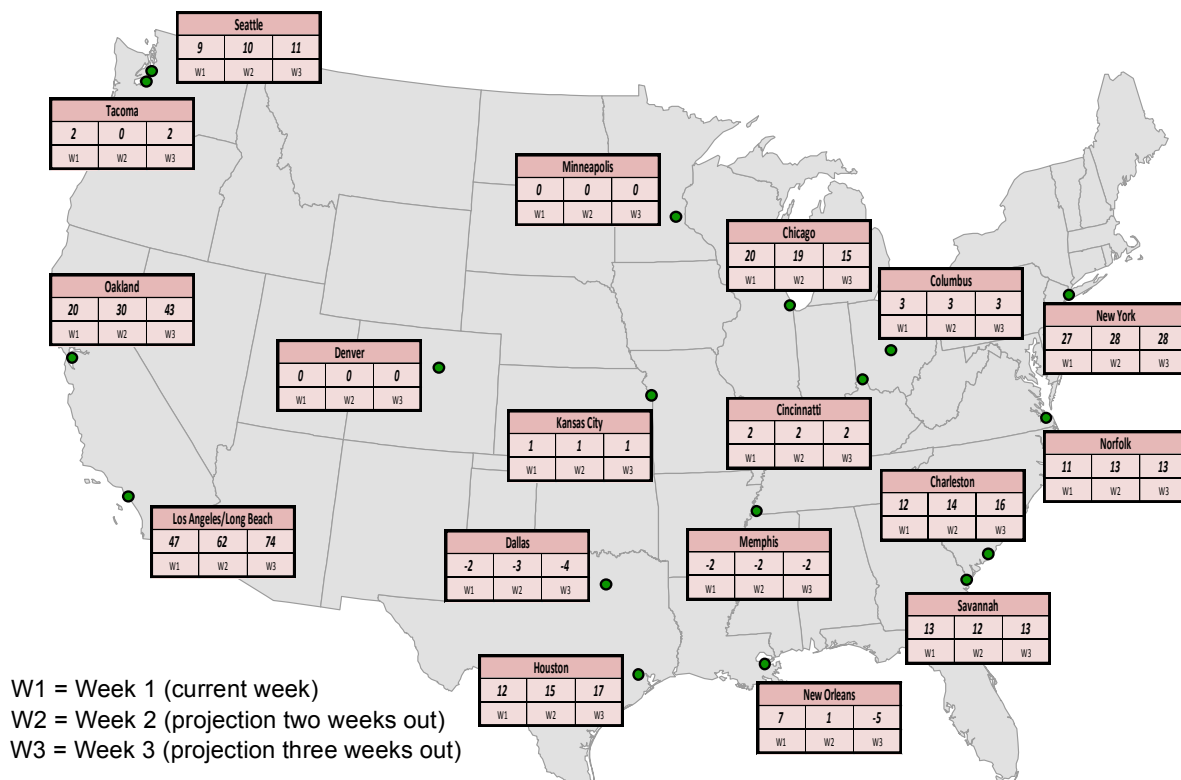
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	77	76	59	56	40	2	.	.	.	.	310
Week 2: Apr 9-15	136	111	81	70	40	4	.	.	.	.	442
Week 3: Apr 16-22	193	95	101	66	40	2	.	.	.	.	497
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	90	58	47	37	10	2	.	.	.	.	244
Week 2: Apr 9-15	123	58	38	109	10	7	.	.	.	.	345
Week 3: Apr 16-22	149	55	30	89	10	5	.	.	.	.	338
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	117	88	56	30	3	-86	.	.	.	.	208
Week 2: Apr 9-15	250	74	26	30	4	66	.	.	.	.	450
Week 3: Apr 16-22	372	69	78	30	4	57	.	.	.	.	610
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	107	15	5	3	0	-30	.	.	.	.	100
Week 2: Apr 9-15	93	20	5	3	0	-84	.	.	.	.	37
Week 3: Apr 16-22	75	25	5	3	0	-74	.	.	.	.	34
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	9	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Apr 9-15	10	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Apr 16-22	11	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	959	17	5	4	-8	-300	.	.	.	.	677
Week 2: Apr 9-15	1,155	-5	-96	2	-40	-300	.	.	.	.	716
Week 3: Apr 16-22	1,420	-3	-78	3	-46	-300	.	.	.	.	996
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	-5	-19	-113	-115	-182	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,834
Week 2: Apr 9-15	-4	-23	-308	-38	-111	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,884
Week 3: Apr 16-22	-5	-19	-392	18	25	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,773
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	541	78	78	1	-69	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-771
Week 2: Apr 9-15	635	34	14	1	-56	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-772
Week 3: Apr 16-22	718	106	0	1	-52	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-627
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	39	25	0	0	-19	.	.	.	.	.	45
Week 2: Apr 9-15	38	30	0	-2	-36	.	.	.	.	.	30
Week 3: Apr 16-22	42	30	0	0	-56	.	.	.	.	.	16
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	12	8	20
Week 2: Apr 9-15	14	5	19
Week 3: Apr 16-22	13	2	15

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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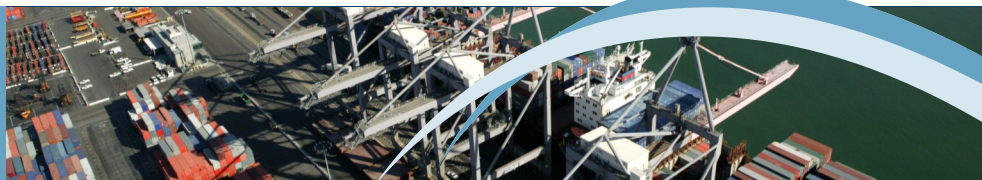


Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	46	34	14	12	10	-5	111
Week 2: Apr 9-15	64	57	38	11	2	-5	.	.	.	.	167
Week 3: Apr 16-22	80	87	52	10	1	-5	.	.	.	.	225
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	52	19	14	9	2	-30	.	.	.	.	66
Week 2: Apr 9-15	57	36	12	3	-1	-30	.	.	.	.	77
Week 3: Apr 16-22	63	45	16	21	1	-30	.	.	.	.	116
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	25	18	9	8	-1	-31	.	.	.	.	28
Week 2: Apr 9-15	25	10	7	15	1	-29	.	.	.	.	29
Week 3: Apr 16-22	25	11	17	24	-2	-28	.	.	.	.	47
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Apr 9-15	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Apr 16-22	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Apr 9-15	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Apr 16-22	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	65	25	10	4	3	-5	102
Week 2: Apr 9-15	85	47	8	-1	3	-14	.	.	.	.	128
Week 3: Apr 16-22	107	65	12	0	3	-13	.	.	.	.	174
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	55	10	6	4	-27	-40	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Apr 9-15	61	11	0	0	-31	-40	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Apr 16-22	92	14	16	-2	-24	-40	.	.	.	.	56
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	100	45	30	15	0	-14	.	.	.	.	176
Week 2: Apr 9-15	100	69	50	15	0	-12	.	.	.	.	222
Week 3: Apr 16-22	100	119	70	10	1	-2	.	.	.	.	298
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Apr 9-15	18	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Apr 16-22	21	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	3	3
Week 2: Apr 9-15	3	3
Week 3: Apr 16-22	3	3

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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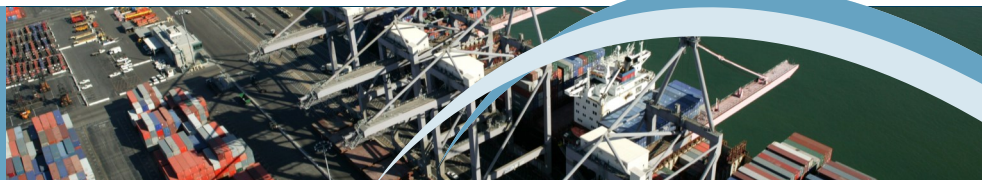


Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	121	56	56	40	33	6	312
Week 2: Apr 9-15	240	138	113	40	61	6	.	.	.	.	598
Week 3: Apr 16-22	362	176	162	40	55	7	.	.	.	.	802
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	175	149	92	59	50	9	.	.	.	.	534
Week 2: Apr 9-15	240	244	148	52	50	7	.	.	.	.	741
Week 3: Apr 16-22	281	336	189	49	50	8	.	.	.	.	913
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	323	277	150	138	43	9	.	.	.	.	940
Week 2: Apr 9-15	538	439	150	189	105	8	.	.	.	.	1,429
Week 3: Apr 16-22	641	587	150	302	98	4	.	.	.	.	1,782
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	14	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Apr 9-15	32	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Apr 16-22	44	0	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Apr 9-15	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Apr 16-22	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	41	16	9	1	-1	-8	58
Week 2: Apr 9-15	60	-2	10	1	-1	-7	.	.	.	.	61
Week 3: Apr 16-22	78	-1	18	1	-2	-7	.	.	.	.	87
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	56	16	6	5	0	-4	.	.	.	.	79
Week 2: Apr 9-15	73	24	8	5	0	-4	.	.	.	.	106
Week 3: Apr 16-22	91	30	8	5	0	-4	.	.	.	.	130
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	91	22	7	2	1	-2	.	.	.	.	121
Week 2: Apr 9-15	112	32	6	25	1	-1	.	.	.	.	175
Week 3: Apr 16-22	134	45	5	22	1	-2	.	.	.	.	205
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Apr 9-15	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Apr 16-22	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 9-15	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Apr 16-22	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	150	28	25	10	-50	-145	18
Week 2: Apr 9-15	150	11	30	5	-86	-186	.	.	.	.	-76
Week 3: Apr 16-22	150	9	36	4	-318	-208	.	.	.	.	-327
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	200	94	89	2	-37	-138	.	.	.	.	210
Week 2: Apr 9-15	200	150	78	2	-14	-217	.	.	.	.	199
Week 3: Apr 16-22	200	179	97	3	-16	-316	.	.	.	.	147
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	215	168	72	70	5	-37	.	.	.	.	493
Week 2: Apr 9-15	213	190	105	70	5	-13	.	.	.	.	570
Week 3: Apr 16-22	182	260	126	70	2	-15	.	.	.	.	625
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	160	50	19	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	231
Week 2: Apr 9-15	175	82	39	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	298
Week 3: Apr 16-22	170	85	58	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	315
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	18	0	-6	12
Week 2: Apr 9-15	20	0	-5	15
Week 3: Apr 16-22	21	0	-4	17

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	150	52	25	3	1	-7	224
Week 2: Apr 9-15	150	71	31	-1	1	-3	.	.	.	.	249
Week 3: Apr 16-22	150	87	20	-2	1	-4	.	.	.	.	252
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	20	14	10	3	-11	-300	.	.	.	.	-264
Week 2: Apr 9-15	20	35	-14	-26	-11	-300	.	.	.	.	-296
Week 3: Apr 16-22	20	37	-22	-31	-12	-300	.	.	.	.	-308
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	250	62	26	1	-8	-14	.	.	.	.	317
Week 2: Apr 9-15	250	58	28	-2	-23	-15	.	.	.	.	296
Week 3: Apr 16-22	250	54	24	-10	-28	-15	.	.	.	.	275
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	11	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 2: Apr 9-15	7	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: Apr 16-22	1	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	1	1
Week 2: Apr 9-15	1	1
Week 3: Apr 16-22	1	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	638	569	545	300	44	-202	.	.	.	.	1,894
Week 2: Apr 9-15	596	753	769	300	40	-64	.	.	.	.	2,394
Week 3: Apr 16-22	550	903	993	300	40	139	.	.	.	.	2,925
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	1,481	750	622	315	245	55	.	.	.	.	3,468
Week 2: Apr 9-15	1,730	750	593	414	578	52	.	.	.	.	4,117
Week 3: Apr 16-22	2,158	750	573	502	1,014	45	.	.	.	.	5,042
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	3,400	2,208	1,536	52	-266	-665	.	.	.	.	6,265
Week 2: Apr 9-15	3,400	2,700	1,099	52	133	-827	.	.	.	.	6,557
Week 3: Apr 16-22	3,400	3,309	982	50	132	-979	.	.	.	.	6,894
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	486	100	75	72	33	-10	.	.	.	.	756
Week 2: Apr 9-15	456	131	75	64	98	-10	.	.	.	.	814
Week 3: Apr 16-22	432	158	75	59	97	0	.	.	.	.	821
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	36	10	1	47
Week 2: Apr 9-15	53	10	-1	62
Week 3: Apr 16-22	71	10	-7	74

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	80	59	51	4	1	-10	185
Week 2: Apr 9-15	80	74	96	2	-2	3	.	.	.	.	253
Week 3: Apr 16-22	80	103	141	3	-4	1	.	.	.	.	324
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	116	20	6	4	-12	-22	.	.	.	.	112
Week 2: Apr 9-15	120	20	143	4	2	-17	.	.	.	.	272
Week 3: Apr 16-22	172	20	257	2	-2	-3	.	.	.	.	446
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	900	414	90	83	18	3	.	.	.	.	1,508
Week 2: Apr 9-15	900	577	125	142	18	6	.	.	.	.	1,768
Week 3: Apr 16-22	900	841	161	191	16	4	.	.	.	.	2,113
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	4	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Apr 9-15	4	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Apr 16-22	14	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	-2	-2
Week 2: Apr 9-15	-2	-2
Week 3: Apr 16-22	-2	-2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	116	35	-3	-6	-100	-205	-163
Week 2: Apr 9-15	120	-13	8	-7	-100	-274	.	.	.	.	-266
Week 3: Apr 16-22	141	-43	3	-7	-100	-342	.	.	.	.	-348
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	18	3	-8	-24	-200	-208	.	.	.	.	-419
Week 2: Apr 9-15	21	5	-8	-27	-200	-261	.	.	.	.	-470
Week 3: Apr 16-22	6	-5	-8	-19	-200	-367	.	.	.	.	-593
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	150	43	-8	-9	-32	-113	.	.	.	.	31
Week 2: Apr 9-15	150	16	-8	11	-5	-172	.	.	.	.	-8
Week 3: Apr 16-22	150	1	-9	-2	-17	-214	.	.	.	.	-91
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	0	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-14
Week 2: Apr 9-15	0	-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-18
Week 3: Apr 16-22	0	-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-22
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	0	0
Week 2: Apr 9-15	0	0
Week 3: Apr 16-22	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	213	10	2	0	0	-24	201
Week 2: Apr 9-15	121	10	1	0	-1	-51	.	.	.	.	80
Week 3: Apr 16-22	14	10	3	0	-2	-78	.	.	.	.	-53
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	189	13	11	1	0	-1	.	.	.	.	213
Week 2: Apr 9-15	168	13	8	-3	0	1	.	.	.	.	187
Week 3: Apr 16-22	123	13	9	-10	0	0	.	.	.	.	135
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	189	18	10	7	2	0	.	.	.	.	226
Week 2: Apr 9-15	112	7	11	10	1	0	.	.	.	.	141
Week 3: Apr 16-22	-2	-1	11	17	-1	0	.	.	.	.	24
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	18	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Apr 9-15	11	0	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 3: Apr 16-22	4	0	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-16
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	5	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Apr 9-15	5	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Apr 16-22	5	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	721	500	337	187	118	18	.	.	.	.	1,881
Week 2: Apr 9-15	1,093	500	455	220	441	25	.	.	.	.	2,734
Week 3: Apr 16-22	1,427	500	549	198	522	20	.	.	.	.	3,216
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	938	539	400	173	115	20	.	.	.	.	2,185
Week 2: Apr 9-15	1,198	618	400	334	157	23	.	.	.	.	2,730
Week 3: Apr 16-22	1,407	674	400	417	144	20	.	.	.	.	3,062
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	2,300	1,407	1,115	212	100	20	.	.	.	.	5,154
Week 2: Apr 9-15	2,300	1,853	1,238	458	185	33	.	.	.	.	6,067
Week 3: Apr 16-22	2,300	2,247	1,343	668	173	30	.	.	.	.	6,761
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	198	176	169	85	60	10	.	.	.	.	698
Week 2: Apr 9-15	232	233	227	48	65	10	.	.	.	.	815
Week 3: Apr 16-22	247	293	290	17	65	10	.	.	.	.	922
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	18	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 2: Apr 9-15	20	5	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28
Week 3: Apr 16-22	22	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	104	94	80	35	14	-97	230
Week 2: Apr 9-15	126	94	80	40	60	9	.	.	.	.	409
Week 3: Apr 16-22	134	59	80	10	112	7	.	.	.	.	402
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	175	152	115	74	6	-33	.	.	.	.	489
Week 2: Apr 9-15	175	91	154	83	7	-10	.	.	.	.	500
Week 3: Apr 16-22	175	111	123	99	10	-20	.	.	.	.	498
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	450	259	145	59	8	-136	.	.	.	.	785
Week 2: Apr 9-15	450	313	89	147	6	-5	.	.	.	.	1,000
Week 3: Apr 16-22	450	360	104	238	5	-15	.	.	.	.	1,142
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	81	81	38	10	5	0	.	.	.	.	215
Week 2: Apr 9-15	33	41	34	10	-36	0	.	.	.	.	82
Week 3: Apr 16-22	-15	2	34	10	-26	0	.	.	.	.	5
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	12	1	-2	11
Week 2: Apr 9-15	11	1	1	13
Week 3: Apr 16-22	10	1	2	13

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	250	246	213	110	30	5	.	.	.	.	854
Week 2: Apr 9-15	250	194	320	67	66	4	.	.	.	.	901
Week 3: Apr 16-22	250	112	302	58	101	6	.	.	.	.	829
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	689	78	2	-40	-74	-129	.	.	.	.	526
Week 2: Apr 9-15	707	6	3	-40	-94	-122	.	.	.	.	460
Week 3: Apr 16-22	654	8	6	-40	-124	-184	.	.	.	.	320
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	627	300	190	9	-19	-539	.	.	.	.	568
Week 2: Apr 9-15	319	300	197	7	38	-408	.	.	.	.	453
Week 3: Apr 16-22	-149	300	212	3	5	-399	.	.	.	.	-28
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	271	117	49	30	-10	-60	.	.	.	.	397
Week 2: Apr 9-15	230	104	53	30	-10	-44	.	.	.	.	363
Week 3: Apr 16-22	152	89	40	30	-15	-87	.	.	.	.	209
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	10	9	1	20
Week 2: Apr 9-15	10	19	1	30
Week 3: Apr 16-22	10	30	3	43

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	242	84	80	72	3	-74	407
Week 2: Apr 9-15	260	91	80	61	2	-47	.	.	.	.	447
Week 3: Apr 16-22	313	111	80	58	2	-16	.	.	.	.	548
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	513	120	47	6	-21	-319	.	.	.	.	346
Week 2: Apr 9-15	514	120	16	8	-44	-464	.	.	.	.	150
Week 3: Apr 16-22	511	120	45	4	-41	-611	.	.	.	.	28
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	687	300	141	7	0	-196	.	.	.	.	939
Week 2: Apr 9-15	683	300	148	-57	0	-112	.	.	.	.	962
Week 3: Apr 16-22	705	300	280	38	0	-105	.	.	.	.	1,218
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	152	60	30	10	-15	-79	.	.	.	.	158
Week 2: Apr 9-15	133	22	30	10	-20	-92	.	.	.	.	83
Week 3: Apr 16-22	112	-1	30	10	-26	-57	.	.	.	.	68
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	9	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Apr 9-15	8	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Apr 16-22	7	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	206	90	5	4	305
Week 2: Apr 9-15	468	90	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	566
Week 3: Apr 16-22	448	90	9	24	.	.	.	.	.	.	571
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	150	112	22	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	286
Week 2: Apr 9-15	150	130	15	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	300
Week 3: Apr 16-22	150	86	8	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	253
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	240	21	6	-121	.	.	.	.	.	.	146
Week 2: Apr 9-15	240	0	4	-124	.	.	.	.	.	.	120
Week 3: Apr 16-22	240	-28	9	-201	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	212	24	20	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	241
Week 2: Apr 9-15	173	12	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	195
Week 3: Apr 16-22	145	11	20	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	168
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	8	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Apr 9-15	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Apr 16-22	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	157	48	8	5	-28	190
Week 2: Apr 9-15	171	21	8	5	15	.	.	.	.	.	220
Week 3: Apr 16-22	217	-28	8	5	13	.	.	.	.	.	215
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	357	15	7	-28	-39	.	.	.	.	.	312
Week 2: Apr 9-15	262	15	8	-46	-87	.	.	.	.	.	152
Week 3: Apr 16-22	223	15	8	-81	-92	.	.	.	.	.	73
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	85	81	80	8	-805	.	.	.	.	.	-551
Week 2: Apr 9-15	48	-268	80	9	-496	.	.	.	.	.	-627
Week 3: Apr 16-22	-25	-308	80	10	-470	.	.	.	.	.	-713
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	284	5	0	-92	-314	.	.	.	.	.	-117
Week 2: Apr 9-15	282	5	0	51	-238	.	.	.	.	.	100
Week 3: Apr 16-22	306	5	0	136	-213	.	.	.	.	.	234
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 2-8	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Apr 9-15	-1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Apr 16-22	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

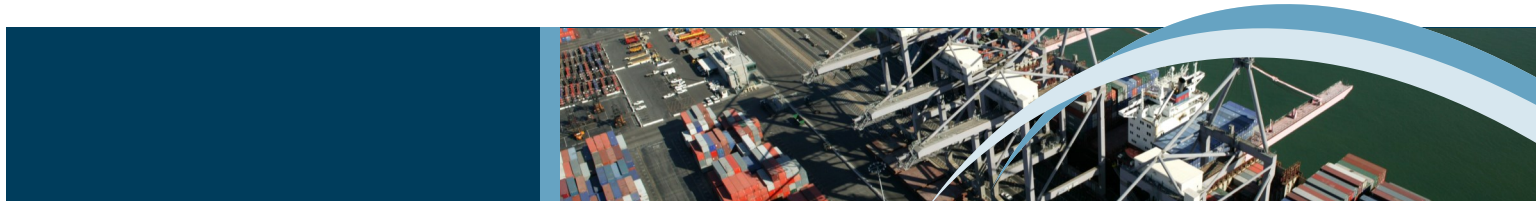
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
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 - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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